



# Buzzard Droppings



Gold Leader Club

Promoting the building and operation of radio controlled models, and the public acceptance and good will towards the sport/hobby. Our main goal is to have fun and enjoy the challenge of safely flying radio control models.

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## Barnyard Buzzards Model Airplane Club AMA Chapter 2953 Monroe, Washington



August 27 Drones & Gliders Event—All AMA Members Welcome

Next Club Meeting is **Tuesday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM** at Alfy's Pizza on RT 2 in Monroe ([See page 9 for a map](#)).  
**Program: Using watt meters, balancers and other cool tools!**

### President's Message — Chet Blake

### Inside this issue:

Hey Guys!  
Well it seemed to take forever for summer to get here and it's already August. Get out there and get some stick time while the 'summer' is here. Fortunately we live and play in an area where we can fly year round.

The AMA does have patches stating year round flyer and can be added on for continuous years. Speaking of years at something, Ron has once again logged the Buzzards as an AMA Gold Leader. This is our 15th year running. AMA  
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### July 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes — Mark Weeks

The meeting was called to order by President Chet Blake at approximately 6:30 with 13 members and one guest Doug Hoff in attendance. Club Officers were introduced by the club President, Chet Blake:

- President** – Chet Blake
- Vice President** – Tim Shegrud
- Secretary** – Mark Weeks
- Treasurer** – Ron Swift
- Safety Officer** – Vince Bell
- Field Manager** – Jay Bell
- Webmaster** – Ron Rueter

(Currently in AZ)  
**Newsletter Editor** – Ron Swift  
Chet called for additions or corrections to the minutes as published on the web/newsletter. No one provided any corrections and a motion was made to accept the minutes. The minutes were approved. No Corrections

### Reports

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### Club Officers and Contacts

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will be issuing our club a special award commemorating the 15 year consecutive status some time this year! Thanks, Ron, for continuing to apply for this honor. Pins are available and if the urge hits, you can donate \$3 per pin.

I hosted my first unassisted Fun Fly last month and we managed to get 6 events in. Bryan graciously offered to be my assistant and judge. Much appreciated. We had 8 entrants and minimal carnage, a prop here or there, a landing gear pulled off and a previously repair that came apart on a hard landing. .

Jayne cooked some hot dogs, made macaroni salad and brought chips and cookies. Thanks for the help Jayne!

We've got a busy schedule this month starting with

Model Aviation Day next Saturday the 13<sup>th</sup> and an event near the end of the month.

C'mon out to the meeting and see what else is in the near future. All good stuff for you all to enjoy. See ya Flyin' - Chet



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**VP** – Awards for the Builders contest: Ted Becker 3<sup>rd</sup>, Ron Swift 2<sup>nd</sup>, Don Bailey 1<sup>st</sup> place. July 23<sup>rd</sup> will be the Fun Fly event, Chet Blake is the CD. August 13<sup>th</sup> will be the Model Aviation Day open house.

**Treasurer** – The club treasury stands at a healthy level.

**Secretary** - The membership level at the present time is 34 members.

**Safety Officer** – Things are going well at the field. Use the safety barriers, the guards are being changed from the orange plastic to netting.

**Newsletter Editor** - Printed copies of the newsletter are available for anyone who wishes a hard copy. Ron asks that if people take pictures to please send copies to him and Ron Rueter, for possible newsletter/website usage.

**Field Manager** – Field improvements are taking place, there is now a roof on the charging station. We have a large shelter set up at the south end of the field. Flight stations received much needed paint. Lena and Bryan Douma built and added two new flight station tables. West side of the runway tall grass has been cut back to allow a larger margin for error while taking off or landing. Jay to send out a mowing sign-up sheet.

## OLD BUSINESS

The AMA had/has another call to action regarding the FAA intervention to our hobby. They are also wanting to set up a community "Drone Zone" areas where multirotor can be flown safely

and at an appointed area.

Open House and Auction. Rained very heavy so event was moved into lodge, raised \$145.00 for club charity

From the work party June 4<sup>th</sup>; the charging station now has a roof; the new carport has been erected, a couple tables got some attention-rework and a coat of paint. The tall grass next to the runway got a huge haircut. Thanks to all those who helped out!

Mark is laying out pallets and tying them together with firing strips to make a safer way to walk over the boggy area and eventually over the creek to aid in retrieval of downed aircraft. Currently he has made it to the creek and will be working on a way over to the other side. Ideas for crossing the creek are welcome. If you have to use the "Lost Plane Lane" Please be careful it is a work in progress.

The refrigerator that was donated to us last year had all but died. If you know where we can get a new one please let a board member know.

Jay will be picking up some grass seed to help fill in the bare spots.

There was much talk about the field, placement of the flight stations, wet ground, parking, disabled parking spot and the general direction of where we are headed. Mark made a motion to gather Saturday at the Open House look over the area and form a steering committee to work out a master plan to present to the members for approval. Motion passed. IF you are interested

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please contact Mark. Committee consists of Mark, Chet, Jay, Bryan, Len and Brian Douma and Vaughan.

Ted reported that the Arlington Eagles have acquired a 1 year extension on their field lease. That's good news and we wish them the best.

We still have some barren spots on the runway, Jay will be purchasing some more seed to help fill in the grass.

Sign in log is getting moderate use, please sign in when you fly. This will give us an idea as to how much use the field is getting.

Floats and Boats event was a huge success, we need to get word out to other clubs further in advance. Mark to send out notifications August and Early September.

New member report- We need to find a way to get new member info out to other members. Possibly use membership cards in the frequency board. Also there was discussion about in the members only section of the Web adding members photos. Either can be used and acceptable AMA card or Club membership card. Mark to contact Ron about adding this to the Web site.

## Builders Contest

All the planes that were entered were very well done and it was a close competition

- 1st place went to Don Bailey
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place went to Ron Swift
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place went to Ted Becker

## New Business

\$200 from the auction was collected and a motion was made for the club to add another \$200 to go to our charity, motion was seconded and passed.

We have been using the phrase "we are a work in progress" when it comes to our field for a couple of years, and while that is true we have definitely come a long way. We still have a lot of areas to work on so it was decided to have a Field Recommendation committee. The Members are: Mark, Chet, Jay, Bryan, Len and Brian Douma and Vaughan. The committee met at the field on Saturday July 9<sup>th</sup> and came up with a plan that will be shared later this meeting.

Last meeting's builders contest winners are: Don Bailey in 1<sup>st</sup>, Ron Swift 2<sup>nd</sup>, Ted Becker 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Congrats to all.

The AMA and FAA have agreed to terms regarding small unmanned aircraft. The rules can be seen at <http://www.modelaircraft.org/aboutama/gov.aspx>. It looks for the time being the AMA rules will be what are followed by us.

Saturday July 23<sup>rd</sup> we will have our Fun Fly event, starting with the pilots meeting at 10:00am. We'll do pizza and refreshments but we will need a runner. At least 4 events will be completed with one to two in the bag if time permits

Aug 27<sup>th</sup> is a bragging rights fun day with multi-rotors and gliders. Just a couple of things to try and compete with or learn!

September 8, 9, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> is the Scale Champ completion at the Wenatchee Red Apple Flyers. If you have never been you should give it a try.

September is another Floats and Boats event so get your water stuff ready.

Summer Camp is in session so the lake and Camp Brinkley are off limits to all Buzzards.

It has been noticed that the field and surrounding area is starting to look like a dump. There were white chairs on the hillside, junk wood piled and tarps about. We need to keep the area looking good. Remember to pack out what you bring in. Leave the place better looking than when you came in.

The chairs have been stacked under the awning please replace them there after use.

The work party will address the wood and burn barrel.

We used to hand out a welcome packet to all new members, Mark will build a new packet to be handed out to any new members.

There was a motion to have patches made for the night fly event like we do for the freeze in it was seconded and motion passed.

Ron was able to get some AMA Gold Leader pins for the club at \$3.00 ea. They are available if you wish to contact Ron Swift.

Jay is having a sign made for the front gate to welcome guests.

At the Open House one of our neighbors stopped in to talk, very nice person and a great neighbor for us to have.

Model Aviation Day is August 13<sup>th</sup> 10 to 2 or later. Tim is heading up the event and Ron Swift

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# Safety Corner

It has been a few years since one of our members had a serious mishap. The latest one happened while flying as a guest at the Arlington Eagle's field that required a trip to the emergency room.

The nature of the incident was the most common we as RC flyers have. That of trying to get hands, fingers and other body parts to occupy the same space as a turning propeller. Interfacing with a spinning propeller is the one thing that will ruin your day quicker and more painfully than any other.

We are all taught never to reach across the propeller for any reason. Yet we do and most of the time we get away with it. That is just what this fellow did on that fateful day and didn't get away with it. He is all healed up now and has been one of the regular Saturday morning flyers. Until some other health problems came up.

At the Fun Fly a couple weeks ago I noticed one of the pilots doing almost the same thing while setting the mixture adjustment on his engine. I say almost the same thing, the difference was he didn't get is finger into the prop-arc. This pilot was not a

newbie and has probably been doing this same thing for years, but so had the aforementioned pilot. The difference was he got caught and the pilot at the fun fly didn't. THIS TIME!!

Remember make all your adjustments from the back side of the propeller and if possible with the engine not running.

Never reach over the propeller to pick up your airplane. Electric guys this pertains to you too. Treat your electrics as if they are running until you have the battery disconnected.

Another thing that this incident brought to light was, when flying know where to get emergency care if needed, especially at a different field. Our present field is not as close to an emergency facility as we have been accustomed to. At the new field let's be super careful and strive for a 99+ year safety record.

UNTIL NEXT TIME, BE SAFE BE COURTEOUS  
Vince Bell, SO

has made a flyer to be placed about and sent to newspapers. Tim will approach area stores to look for donations of food for us to serve. We will have buddy boxes and demonstrations throughout the day. If you would like to help contact Tim.

Field committee report was presented to the membership and will be e-mailed to the membership.

A motion was made and passed to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm

.....Mark Weeks, Club Secretary



VP Tim present the 2nd and 3rd place trophies for the Builder's competition to Ron and Ted.





# Fun Fly 2016





Fun Fly news: Photos on page 5 & 6...

Saturday July 23<sup>rd</sup> was our annual Fun Fly event and like always it was a great time. Chet's wife, Jayne, made macaroni salad, cookies and cooked hotdogs for all the flight worn flyers and guests. We all owe her a warm thank you for her efforts. Also goes a special thank you to the contest director Chet Blake and scorekeeper Bryan Reightley. We had eight participants taking part in 6 events with many different types of aircraft. This year we had very little carnage as the limbo event was not part of the schedule. Some landing gear and propellers were removed from their aircraft "by the field" as event participants tried to land within the marked locations on the runway.

Winners in order are

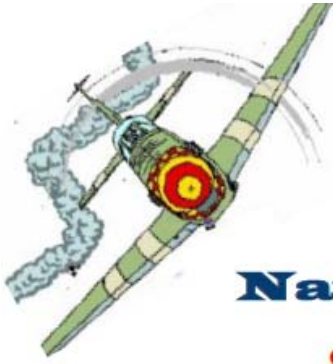
- 1st Steve Anderson
- 2nd Don Bailey
- 3rd Vince Bell
- 4th Dart Sharp
- 5th Tim Shegrud
- 6th Dick Resler
- 7th Paul Dibble
- 8th Mark Weeks

Next up for the Buzzards summer schedule is the Model Aviation Day /Open House on August 13<sup>th</sup> and Drone & Glider Day on August 27<sup>th</sup>!

## Upcoming Events

The public is always welcome to come and check out our events free. All AMA pilots are welcome to participate in these events. There is usually a \$10.00 pilot's fee or a donation can for all events. We will have food and beverages available for each of the flying events.

August 13	Aviation Day	Club Field	Starts at 10:00 AM
August 27	Drones & Gliders	Club Field	Starts at 10:00 AM
Sept 18	Boats & Floats	Club Field	Starts at 10:00 AM
October 11	Rebuilders Competition	Alfy's Pizza	Starts at 6:30 PM
Dec 3	Annual Christmas Party	Scout's Diner (Club Field)	3:00 PM
Jan 7, 2017	Annual Freeze-In	Club Field	Starts at 10:00 AM



In association with The Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA)

# Barnyard Buzzards Model Airplane Club

Invites you to an open house event, our

## National Model Aviation Day

### Saturday, August 13

### 10:00AM to 2:00 PM

Our flying field is located at Camp Edward, 25821 Monroe Camp Rd Snohomish, WA 98290.

GPS Coordinates are: (DM) N47° 58.725' W121° 53.025' (DMS) N47° 58' 43.5" W121° 53' 01.5"

Model aircraft of all kinds will be flying throughout the event including :

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We will be accepting donations for the Sky Valley Food Bank.

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# Drones & Gliders

Hey fellow flyers! On August 27th we have a brand new (for us!) event this year, the second of this 2016 season. Yes, after all of the controversy about the word **DRONE** we have the Drones and Gliders event. The idea is to highlight these models and their different flying styles and considerations.

There have been many, many advances in technology as far as batteries, chargers, assisted flight computers, gyrometers, barometers, accelerometers and far more. This is where we, as modelers, put these together for flying.

So if gliders, hex, quads, helis are something of interest to you, come on out to our field and join the fun. Since FAA includes our fixed wing models as drones, you can bring them, too, but the emphasis will be on the other flying models.

Rumor has it that there'll be some buddy box opportunities for those who want to try to fly these models, too. As always, the event will start at 10:00AM and food and beverages will be available for a nominal donation.





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Month Born:

January       February       March       April       May       June  
 July       August       September       October       November       December

By accepting membership, I hereby agree to abide by the rules, By-Laws and regulations governing club flying and related activities, and will maintain current membership in the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) for as long as I actively participate in said activities with the club.

In consideration of my use of the club flying facility, I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the land owner, the members and officers of the Barnyard Buzzards Model Airplane Club, Inc. from and against all claims, damages, losses and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees in case it shall be necessary to file an action suit arising out of my presence and use of the flying site, which is for the bodily injury, illness, or death, or for property damage, caused in whole or in part by my negligent act or omission.

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail check for \$90.00 and a photo copy of your current AMA membership to:  
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[ronswift@cablespeed.com](mailto:ronswift@cablespeed.com)



One of the club officers will contact you, once your application has been reviewed. It is recommended that you attend one of our club meetings and/or stop out at our club flying field so that you'll have a chance to meet some of the club members and allow them to meet you.

# Buzzards Membership

With a grass runway measuring at least 417 feet long, we have a great runway. Our field is being improved every month and we have a plan to make it even better!

We have planned many exciting events for 2016 that include a Fun Fly, Night Flight, Water Fun and more!

Our dues for 2016 will remain at \$90.00. Join now and get all of our 2016 membership privileges! See Page 6 for our membership application. Plus, our events are a lot of fun to participate in and to watch, too! There is usually food involved.





# 25600 Monroe Camp Road, Snohomish, WA



Camp Edward and the Hanner's Memorial Field are located north of Monroe, Washington in Snohomish County. The most common route is from Highway 2 in Monroe near Albertson's. Turn north onto Woods Creek Road. As you travel north on Woods Creek road, it will come to a Y intersection, stay to the right (Yeager Rd).

\*\*\* If you go the the left as shown by MapQuest , make sure you take the next right to stay on Woods Creek Road. Then stay to the left at the intersection where Yeager rejoins Woods Creek Road, be careful as oncoming traffic does not stop \*\*\*

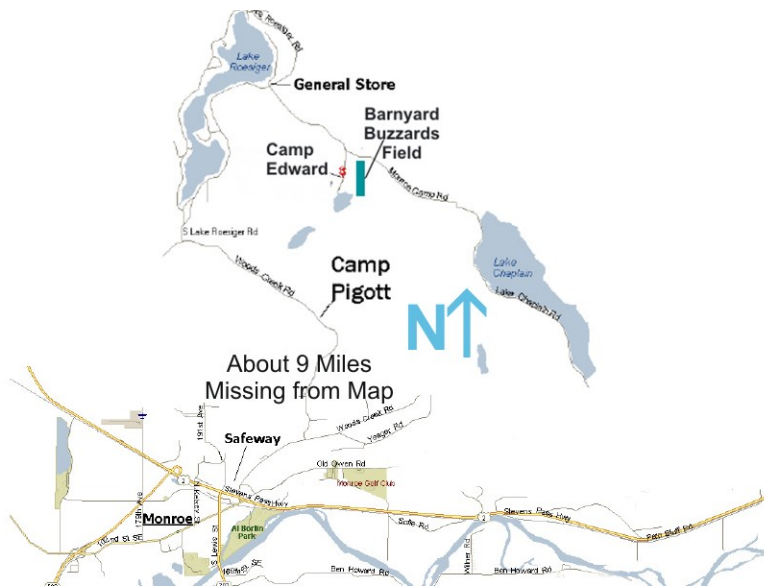
Yeager will rejoin Woods Creek Road at a 4-way intersection. Stay straight-ish, not a hard right, be careful as oncoming traffic does not stop. In a few miles you will pass the entrance to Camp Pigott. Keep going.

Turn right at the "T" intersection with Lake Roesiger Road. At the next "Y" intersection, stay right, onto South Lake Roesiger Road. Turn right at Monroe Camp Road, (Lake Roesinger Store will be on the left). In about a mile, the road will fork again, stay straight. After a short distance you will see the Red Barn and our gate. Our parking is past the gate on the East side of the barn. Alfy's Pizza (our monthly meeting place) is along RT2 in the Staples plaza.

**Our club meetings are open to the public.** We meet at 6:30 PM on the **2nd Tuesday** of each month at Alfy's Pizza in the Staples Plaza on RT2, Monroe, WA. If you would like additional information, come out to a club meeting, or contact one of our club officers.

Each meeting starts with an introduction of the club officers followed by a short business meeting. Next we have a **program** about some aspect of the hobby/sport.

Then, a **Show & Tell** and **raffle** conclude the meeting, which ends at around 8:30 P.M.



### Upcoming Meetings

**Meetings begin at 6:30 PM  
2nd Tuesday**

- August 9 Alfy's Pizza
- September 13 Alfy's Pizza
- October 11 Alfy's Pizza
- November 8 Alfy's Pizza
- December 13 Alfy's Pizza

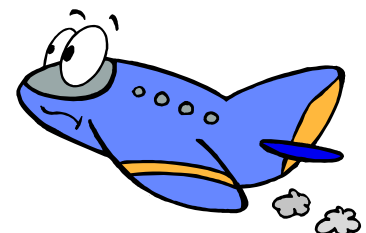
## Barnyard Buzzards Pilot Training



Our club is dedicated to the safe pursuit and advancement of model aviation. We offer all members free lessons to learn how to build models and to fly them. If you should have any questions about the club, flight instruction or membership requirements, call any of the club officers. We have a safety checklist available

### Current Flight Instructors:

- Chet Blake (360) 863-2953
- Paul Dibble (425) 359-1808
- Ron Swift (425) 788-6045





Next meeting, **Tuesday, August 9th 6:30 PM** at Alf's Pizza on RT 2 in Monroe ([see page 9](#)).

Program: Using watt meters, balancers and other cool tools!



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